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25X1C [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] Chinese Communist and North Korean representatives who met at Yenching on 27 November 1947 decided to make all of the former Chientao Province a "self-governing" area with its administration under the control of the North Korean People's Committee.) 25X1A

1. In April 1946, LIN Chom-chung (林占中), a representative of the North Korean People's Committee, started negotiations with LIN Piao (林彪), commander of the Chinese Communist forces in Manchuria, concerning the establishment of an autonomous government in the former Chientao Province under the administrative control of the North Korean government.

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- 25X1C [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] in November 1947 LIM Chom-chung was the North Korean representative at a meeting in Harbin of Communist delegates from most of the eastern asiatic countries.)
2. Because the population of Chientao Province is predominantly Korean, it had been difficult for Chinese Communist officials to control this area. However, the Chinese Communist authorities believed that, if an autonomous government completely under the control of the North Korean People's Committee were established in Chientao Province, it would meet with opposition from the Chinese Communists not only in Chientao Province but in all parts of Manchuria. Therefore, in the latter part of 1947, representatives of the Chinese Communists and the North Korean People's Committee compromised and agreed upon the following:

- a. To establish a new province to be known as the Suining Province which would include all the four hsien of the former Mutanchiang Province - Ningan, Mulung, Tungning and Suiyang - and all the five hsien of the former Chientao Province - Yenchi, Wang Ch'ing, Hun Ch'un, Holung and Ant'u.

25X1C [REDACTED] Comment. During the Japanese occupation of Manchuria, the south-eastern part of the present Kirin Province bordering on North Korea was known as Chientao Province and the southeastern part of the present Sungchiang Province bordering on the former Chientao Province was known as Mutanchiang Province.)

- b. To make Mutanchiang City (129-37, 44-35) the capital of the new province of Suining.

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- c. To have the positions of Governor of Suining Province and Mayor of Mutanchiang City occupied by Chinese Communists appointed by the Northeast Politburo.
- d. To give the North Korean People's Committee the power to appoint all the administrative officials in the five hsien of the former Chientao Province and in all those towns, villages and rural communities in the rest of the new province of Suining in which the population is more than sixty percent Korean.
- e. To place all the provincial military forces in Suining Province under the control of T'IEH Sung (田松), a Korean, known by his Chinese name, in command of the Korean Volunteer Army Troops in Chientao Province. T'IEH was to be under the direct command of the highest Chinese Communist army headquarters in Suining Province.

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Comment. T'IEH Sung was in command of the Suining Military District in December 1947.)

3. In December 1947 some of the officials of Suining Province were as follows:
 - a. Governor of Suining Province: CHANG Ching-chih (張靜之), Chinese.
 - b. Mayor of Mutanchiang City: CH'U Nien-yuan (褚念遠), Chinese.
 - c. Special North Korean Commissioner to Suining Province: LIM Chom-chung, Korean.

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